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SJC's Enactus Takes on Regionals

By Lauren Grasham

News Writer

Enactus is a club that focuses on improving and educating others on business skills. Saint Joseph's College's Enactus club recently traveled to Chicago, Illinois, to compete in their regional competition. The event was to see which competing groups had the most convenient and efficient ways to improve the area around them.

Sophomore political science major Kate Burkhardt, a member of Enactus, explained "we win by using resources to make our school and community a better place." The group did exceptionally well, advancing them to nationals in Saint Louis, Missouri, which will take place from May 15 to the 17.

Others that competed include sophomore Business Administration major and Enactus President Jordan Phillips, junior International Studies and Economics double major and Enactus Vice President, Gabriel Perez, junior Political Science and Business double major and Enactus Treasurer, Stephen Nickle, sophomore Accounting and Economics double major Galen Monroe, and sophomore Economics and Business double major, Carlos Branson. Associate Professor of Economics Dr. John Kennedy also accompanied the group on their trip as well.

The group gave a presentation in which they explained all that they have done to help improve



SJC's Enactus travels to Chicago to compete in regionals and make it to nationals in Missouri taking place on May 15-17. Photo courtesy of Saint Joseph's College

the Saint Joseph's College campus. One of their areas of focus was the school's spending. They talked about a finance counseling seminar they want to hold where students will learn the basics of credit, and receive help with budgeting. Some of the other topics that were brought up included providing a transportation service between Lafayette and Merrillville, and a LinkedIn seminar. The purpose for the seminar would be to assist students using the website so they can improve their resume and make an expert profile.

Another major point in the presentation was the upcoming Earth Day. Enactus is going to be involved with many projects and events related to this day. Some of these include activities for the community, a 5K run, a partnership with Walgreens, an essay competition, and establishing a planning committee.

Enactus ended by going over their improvements to the education center and discussing the SEID program. Over the course of three seminars, there are multiple discussions from people who are experts in their

field. Following the talk, a panel discussion allows students to talk with those to learn how to excell in their career after college. Those who are chosen to speak will explain how they got their start and how they keep their business or career growing, similar to the concept of a growing seed.

The group hopes to put many of their plans into action soon in order to improve the community as well as the college. In the meantime, they will be preparing for what will hopefully be another win at nationals.

SJC Takes Action for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

By Natalie Dziadosz

News Writer

Sexual assault is an issue facing many campuses across the United States today. This month is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which hopes to increase the general public's awareness of sexual assault. On our campus, Carrie Greer, Campus Program Project Coordinator, is planning events that span the entire month.

For the first week, the campus was asked to sign pledge cards for a program called Start by Believing. These pledge cards state that if a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence comes to the individual who signed the card, the signer's first reaction would be to believe the victim. Other events in the

coming weeks are a balloon launch with the Center of Hope at Franciscan Health Rensselaer, a free Co-Ed self-defense course, and doing the It's On Us pledge along with a raffle at the end of the month for a free It's On Us T-shirt.

Samantha Hoyt, Bystander Intervention Facilitator, explained to The Observer, "Some people don't realize that they have such a large pool of resources." More than 90% of sexual assault victims on college campuses do not report the assault.

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center gave some background to the event. Sexual Assault Awareness Month started

in the late 1970s when women in England held protests against the violence they had endured while walking at night. These protests were called Take Back the Night marches.

In 1978 San Francisco and New York City held the first Take Back the Night events in the United States. Saint Joseph's College's Puma Women group put on a campus wide Take Back the Night in October to raise awareness. In the late 1980s, domestic violence became a focus and activists began to look for a time to increase Sexual Assault Awareness.

Originally, the National Coalition Against Sexual Assault polled different state sexual

assault coalitions which resulted in a week in April. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center explains, "Prevention aims to stop sexual violence before it has a chance to happen. It is possible to create communities where everyone is treated with respect and equality. Preventing such a far reaching and prevalent social issue may seem overwhelming or even impossible. This mentality implies that there isn't a solution – or if there is, we can't achieve it. But we can and we are. This can be done by promoting safe behaviors, thoughtful policies, and healthy relationships. You can learn more at www.nsvrc.org and 1-800-656-4673. Prevention is Possible!"

Pumas Change the Lives of Elementary Students

By Kylie Hill
Co-Editor-in-Chief

On Saturday, April 9, 2016, members of the Puma Educators Association travelled to Lafayette, IN to renovate Oakland Elementary School as part of the Indiana Student Educator's Association's (ISEA) 12th annual Outreach to Teach event. Students helped clean, organize, paint, and landscape the school to create a better learning environment.

ISEA is a student branch of the Indiana State Teacher's Association (ISTA) that provides professional development, networking, liability insurance, and support for future educators. Outreach to Teach is a student organized event in which local schools in the selected ISTA district for that year can apply to be chosen. Once a school is selected, the student and adult ISEA board work with school administration and teachers to plan the renovations. Every year, two ISEA student members volunteer and then are voted in as the Co-Chairs for the event. This year's event was co-organized by Saint Joseph's College's senior Elementary Education major, Kelly Reed.

Reed stated that "last year I was so moved by volunteering for Outreach to Teach in Muncie, IN that I knew I wanted to contribute in a bigger way. I applied to be co-chair in May 2015. I was so excited when I heard back that I received the position." In the summer, Reed and other Outreach committee members immediately started planning the event. They toured all the schools that applied and decided that Oakland Elementary was the school which they could have the most impact on. Reed explained that "an old school that has gone through a lot of changes. It was originally a high school and then became an alternative high school. For the past two years it sat vacant. Lafayette School Corporation decided to open it back up as an elementary school for the 2015-2016 school year... It never felt



Senior Kelly Reed with the Mayor of Lafayette, IN, Tony Roswarski. Kelly worked with the mayor in order to communicate ISEA's goals surrounding the school renovation. Reed served as one of the state Co-Chairs for the Outreach to Teach event. She spent months planning and fundraising and made sure everything went well at the event. Photo courtesy of Kelly Reed.

like an elementary school." ISEA wanted to give students a learning environment that fit their needs.

Part of Reed's responsibilities was fundraising. They were able to reach their goal of \$24,000. Reed said that meeting this goal allowed them "to give the school a marquee sign, add a mural to the cafeteria, decorate the hallways, and so much more!" Also in preparation for the event, Reed was in charge of organizing and recruiting volunteers. Over 300 people from around the state volunteered, the most Outreach to Teach has ever had. Twelve of those volunteers were Saint Joseph's College students, the largest group the College has brought to the event.

During the actual event, Reed was kept even busier, making sure everything ran smoothly and everything was on schedule. Reed said that "I was constantly walking around making sure that all the projects were being completed correctly, everyone knew what they were doing, and checking if anybody needed anything. I don't think I stopped moving from 7 am to 4 pm!"

Reed also worked with administration and the mayor of Lafayette throughout the day. She commented "I was able to provide the mayor of Lafayette and his communications director a tour of the school before any work was completed and again at the end of day. I worked closely with the principal and teachers to make sure that they were happy with everything being done."

Despite the experience she gained from her leadership responsibilities, Reed said that the most amazing part of this experience... "was knowing that we were able to make a huge impact on both the students' and teachers' lives. Monday morning....they will walk into a school that feels like a home."

Like Reed, other Saint Joseph's College students had similar feelings when it came to explaining their overall experience. Rich Soria, a junior Physical Education major, volunteered for the first time at Outreach to Teach. He said, "It was such a great experience to spend a Saturday with some great Pumas helping transform a school in need." Kate Hickner, a senior Elementary Education major, has volunteered at Outreach for the last three years. She said of her experiences: "Outreach to Teach is the perfect example of how teachers can come together to make a real difference. This year we had more volunteers than ever. It's so great to talk with other educators about how great our profession is. I get so inspired by being there and watching the awesome progress that is made. Plus, the food is always really good!"



Twelve Pumas traveled to Oakland Elementary School on Saturday, April 9, 2016 to improve the learning environment of students. Photo courtesy of Kelly Reed.

2016 Election Update:

New York, New York! If I can make it there, I'll make it anywhere



By Jose Arteaga
Political Columnist

The Democrats will have their primary on April 19th in New York, and it will be one of the most important primaries to date. Brooklyn is where Sanders grew up and where Clinton was a senator for 8 years. This will make it a very heated primary. Whoever wins will change the course of the election.

The state has 291 delegates, including 247 pledged delegates up for grabs. Even with his recent wins in Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Utah, Hawaii, and Wisconsin, Sanders will need an estimated 56 percent of the remaining pledged delegates nationwide to overtake Clinton, who maintains a lead of 219.

A win for Sanders in New York would not only buoy his candidacy, but it would also be an embarrassment to the former senator from New York. Of the three million people registered to vote as Democrat in New York City, about 945,600 live in Brooklyn, meaning, the borough is home to a significant portion of the 5.8 million Democrats registered across the state.

Drawing even more attention to the borough, the two campaigns, after weeks of squabbling, have agreed to a televised debate on April 14 to be held at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

While most polls show Clinton, 68, leading in New York, the contest is proving to be emblematic of the same issues that are driving the Democratic

race nationally. Sanders, the 74-year-old senator of Vermont, where he has based his campaign headquarters, hopes to make gains among voters by arguing that he formed his core ideas about income inequality while growing up the son of a Polish immigrant in Brooklyn.

The Republicans also have their primary on April 19th. This will be very interesting because Trump is a New Yorker and he claims to have true New York values. This is the opposite of Cruz. Trump dug in further Saturday to defend his home state of New York, accusing Ted Cruz of having "hated" for the Empire State and saying his Republican rival would never help New York as president. Cruz doubled down on his criticism of "New York values" this week while campaigning in the state that holds its primary on April 19. He told CNN's Dana Bash that he was referring to "the liberal values of Democratic politicians who have been hammering the people of New York for decades."

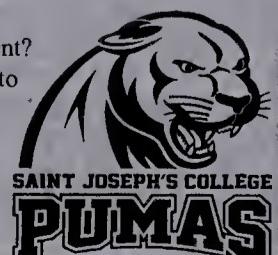
Recent polls show Trump sitting comfortably above 50% in New York against Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich. The state, which awards a coveted 95 delegates, is in hot contention as Trump tries to inch closer to the 1,237 delegates needed to secure the nomination.

Whatever happens in New York on April 19th will be a huge win for anyone because if you can make it in New York, you can make it anywhere.

Upcoming Puma Events!

- April 18 - Bystander Intervention Train the Trainer
- April 20 - Art Reception
- April 20 - Measure Reception
- April 20 - Ms. Puma
- April 21 - Mr. Puma
- April 23 - Little 500

Want to get the word out about your event?
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The Panama Papers: A Political Scandal On A Global Scale

By: Justin Hays
Opinions Writer

In recent times, journalism has come under heavy criticism for being shallow, cheap, and only interested in online page views. The domination of social media and online platforms seemed to have made heavy-hitting, investigative journalism extinct. On April 3rd, journalism, at least temporarily, earned its redemption in the publishing of the Panama Papers. The exhaustive year long effort by a consortium of journalists uncovered a massive network of tax evasion, money laundering, embezzlement, and corruption that has since rocked global politics.

The Panama Papers are a synthesis of 11.5 million leaked documents detailing the extensive use of offshore holding companies for the wealth of politicians, athletes, and business moguls. Prominent world figures such as Vladimir Putin and Lionel Messi are just two of the many global players who used the Panamanian law firm, Mossack Fonseca, to hide their billions of dollars in assets. These enormous assets were hidden with the help of Mossack Fonseca in offshore shell companies to avoid the heavier tax rates of the countries the clients operated in. This means that billions of dollars in potential tax revenues were hidden from nations across the globe.

Establishing offshore shell companies and accounts is not a new concept. Corporations have been participating in this legal, but perhaps unethical, act for quite some time. Because of corporate tax codes and the unending pursuit for greater profits, there can be many financial incentives for a corporation to hold offshore accounts. Although it has become generally accepted that corporations participate in this tax dodging, what are the implications when politicians are using offshore accounts to hide and protect wealth from their own citizens? For example, what if Russian President Vladimir Putin has been using offshore accounts and shell companies to embezzle an estimated two billion dollars? Putin is just one of a group of heads of states, from Argentina to Iceland, who have been discovered to be hiding billions in assets through the Panamanian law firm.

While establishing offshore accounts is not inherently illegal, it often opens the doorway for illegal activities such as embezzlement, money laundering, and tax evasion. It also shows that money is literally ruling the world. Foreign leaders are sitting on billions of dollars in wealth, and are using this money to buy power for their interests, their cronies, and themselves. If foreign leaders, corporate executives, and other global players are hiding billions of dollars, it raises the question – where is this money going? Money buys influence, and there is a massive amount of wealth being unchecked that is likely being used to buy elections, fund terrorism, or fuel multi-national business empires in the shadows.

The fallout has been a mix of anger among the public and denial from the exposed corrupt. Vladimir Putin has publicly denied the accusations made against him, as have other heads of state. Iceland has been the first to actually have any political carnage. After vowing to rescue the country from the corruption that sunk Iceland into recession, Prime Minister Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson's hundreds of millions of hidden assets were exposed in the Panama Papers, and he has since been forced to resign. Investigations have been opened in many countries, including the US, and more names and more crimes are sure to be exposed in time.

While this scandal is tremendous in scope, Mossack Fonseca surely must not be the only global firm participating in these types of transactions. Mossack Fonseca just happened to be the unfortunate one to be caught. More firms are out there helping politicians, business moguls, and even sponsors of terrorism hide billions of dollars that they don't want accounted for. The journalists responsible for bringing this bombshell to the public did the world a tremendous justice by giving us the truth about truly how much money is ruling the world, literally, and how behind every powerful man or woman in the world is most likely millions of dollars lurking behind the scenes buying influence and power.

Clinton Refuses to Debate Sanders

By: Steven Sewell
Opinions Writer

After his Super Tuesday shellacking, Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont needs to win New York to close the delegate gap and stay competitive, but that's awfully hard to do when former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton won't debate him anymore. This is a common tactic for front-runners to keep their lead; they don't want to slip up in a debate and lose momentum. But it's not fair, and in Clinton's case, it's hypocritical.

Clinton press secretary Brian Fallon told CNN Sanders' challenge to a debate depends on his "tone", and that it's a "stunt." That doesn't sound quite right. It seems Hillary is running with her tail between her legs to New York after Sanders destroyed projections in Utah, Idaho, Washington, Hawaii, and Alaska. He's gaining momentum, and if Sanders keeps it through Wisconsin and Wyoming, a clash in New York will all but determine the race. Clinton is avoiding a debate to curb Sanders momentum. There's nothing wrong with Senator Sanders' "tone". All things considered, Sanders has been easy on Clinton, especially in comparison to what she could face in the presidential election. Is his "tone" poor because he's mentioning her speaking fees more often? If so, that's not an attack; that's a fact, and the more people hear about it, the less they like Clinton.

There were 26 Democratic Party debates in 2008. There's been 8 in 2016. When she was losing in 2008, Hillary Clinton said, "Honestly, I just believe that this is the most important job in the world, it's the toughest job in the world. You should be willing to campaign for every vote, you should be willing to debate anytime, anywhere." But when she's winning, Hillary Clinton conveniently criticizes Sanders' "tone". Voters deserve a chance to hear candidates' debate. This isn't a controversial opinion, and it's pathetic that the Democratic front-runner is afraid to debate a rising challenger. Perhaps former Secretary Clinton will accept a debate in New York if she's paid to speak?

After a day of activism by Sanders' supporters and Sanders calling out Clinton in the media as well as on Twitter, Clinton agreed to a debate. This was the right thing to do, but her reluctance speaks volumes. She's still a hypocrite. On top of that, the dates proposed by Clinton are asinine; one of the proposed dates is Friday morning on Good Morning America. Seriously? It's clear that Clinton is avoiding a debate at all costs.

Apple Employees

By: Kertney Bronzya
Opinions Writer

On Tuesday, I woke up to go to lecture like I always do. I wanted to get my nails done before heading over so they could dry while I was taking notes. After painting my nails black, I started to put my iPhone in my white jacket's pocket without getting the wet nail polish on the white jacket. As I was attempting to do this, my friend Vivian asked if I needed help. Being the independent woman I am, I turned down her help, only to watch as my iPhone crashed to the floor and restarted.

It's not completely unusual for my phone to restart after being dropped really hard on the floor, so I picked it up and asked Vivian to put it in my pocket. She put it in there and we headed to our Core lecture. Once I got there, I realized my phone didn't just restart. It kept restarting over and over. Then the screen would change colors, turn off, and restart again. So I decided it was time to use up my Apple Care (a pre-purchased protection plan) and head over to the Apple Store in Indianapolis. It wasn't exactly how I wanted to spend my Tuesday, but I had to make the trip.

I needed a GPS, so I brought my friend Johna. We finally got to Indianapolis and found the Apple Store. I went and scheduled an appointment, and an hour later, I was set up with an employee. He pulled up my iPhone's information to see if my iPhone had Apple Care still, and then he asked if I had had it replaced before. I replied no. He got confused and left for about ten minutes. He came back and explained to me that someone at Apple had messed up. He could see that I purchased my Apple Care in January, but someone else had called Apple and asked for Apple Care. When that person read their serial number to the Apple employee, that employee wrote the number down wrong. That person wrote down my serial number.

So basically, there were two exact copies of the same phone out there. That person had already replaced their phone, so that was the dilemma. The guy helping me told me not to panic, because they don't want me walking out without a phone. He explained that he was going to have me pay for a gift card for the exact amount that I would pay for my new phone. We did this, and I got my new iPhone within 25 minutes. I was really impressed by the ease of getting my new phone even with this problem that could have resulted in me losing my Apple Care. I'm thankful to have Apple products and that their employees actually care for their customers.

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10 Cloverfield Lane

By Jennie Weer
Features Writer

Surprising, intriguing, bloody, and terrifying, *10 Cloverfield Lane* leaves the mind delighted and entertained.

Produced by J.J. Abrams, it was released in March, 2016. Rated PG13 and labelled as a Suspense/Thriller, it contained elements of horror and "jump-scares."

John Goodman plays Howard, an older man who spent years of his life dedicated to preparing a shelter in case of a disaster. His serious and aggressive mood is unlike the characters he's portrayed before (Walter Sobchak in *The Big Lebowski*, Sullivan in *Monsters INC*, Dan Conner in *Roseanne*...), however, he pulls it off magnificently and creates the creepy, paranoid stranger in a way no other could.

Michelle (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), a woman in her 20s, is introduced as a flawed character who runs from her problems, including her fiance that viewers don't get to see. By the way, the voice on her phone is Bradley Cooper. Something

I didn't realize till the credits, and could have kicked myself for not recognizing that perfect, dreamy voice. Anyway, after a car crash as she flees the city, she wakes up to hear Howard say that he saved her, and that she owes him for her life. She then meets Emmett, John Gallagher Jr., the hired help of Howard and survivor of the attack.

Howard tells Michelle that gas was released in the air while she was unconscious. She's skeptical until she sees the evidence of dead, bloodied bodies of pigs on the ground outside the cellar doors. This was her first attempt to escape. She learns what makes Howard tick. Flirting with Emmett and talking during dinner, Howard's rage builds up enough to have a argument where she's pressed against the wall, enough time for her to steal his keys and make a break for the only door she knew.

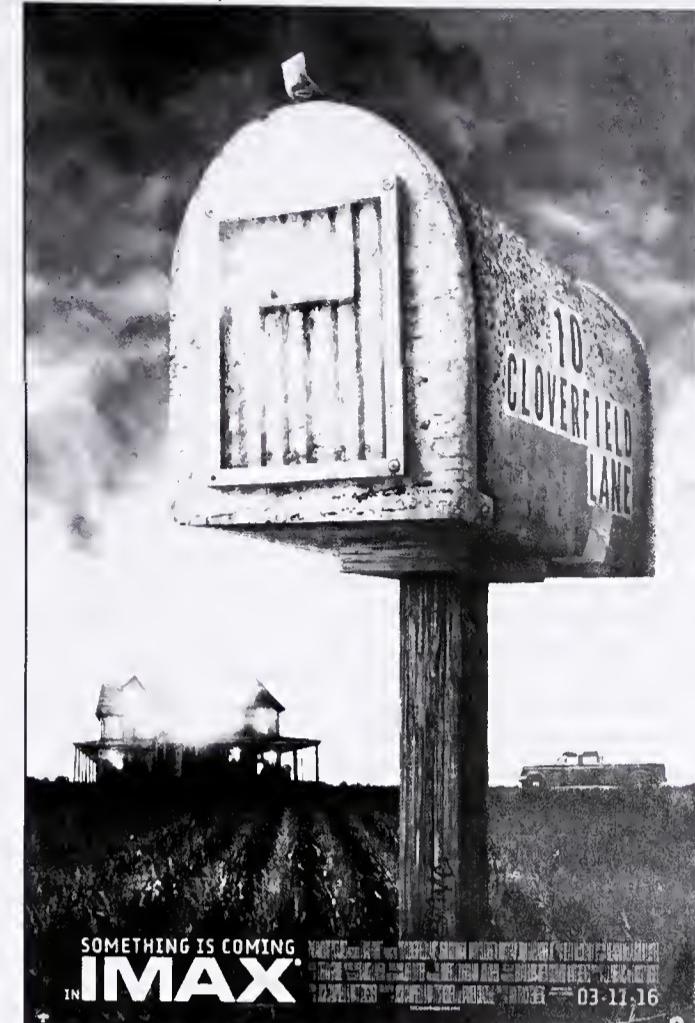
Finally at the top, a woman whose skin is peeling begs to be let in. Michelle stands in shock and contemplates whether to let the woman in to breathe the air she knew was right, or listen to Howard and back away.

When escape finally happens, the first alien encounter arrives as the usual, gruesome, many-toothed alien that looks like it was in *Alien Vs Predator*. I wasn't impressed with the beast-like creatures or the flying saucer that ran the air-infesting business.

Usually I don't appreciate jump-scare tactics, but it worked with this. The most terrifying scenes involved Howard's psycho-inclined actions and his pure fear of death. If viewers aren't on the edge of their seats during this movie, they're hiding under a jacket.

The dark lighting and non-spoiler editing added to the mystery of the film. Directed by Dan Trachtenberg, it is nothing like the 2008 film, *Cloverfield*. I commend the budget, as well. Only four actors and actresses appear, including the crazy dying woman.

I could have gone without the alien invasion at the end and been satisfied with just the psycho-killer/kidnapper route Goodman portrayed, but the rest of it made up for it. If you've been wondering if it's worth it, this is your sign. Go try something new.



Above: A poster for *10 Cloverfield Lane*. Photo courtesy of [imdb.com](#).

Full House

By Vivian Myers
Features Writer

Full House was aired for the first time in September of 1987 and ended in May, 1995. The show aired on ABC for eight seasons collecting a total of 192 episodes. The show follows Danny Tanner and his family. Danny Tanner's wife has recently died in what we find out was an accidental car crash. Danny is left with his three little, sweet, blond girls.

When we start with the family, Danny's oldest daughter, DJ, is 10. Her younger sister, Stephanie, is 5 years old, and Michelle, the youngest, is 10 months old. Danny has brought his brother-in-law, Jesse, and his best friend, Joey, to help him raise his daughters.

The show is really about the life that these three grown adults and three little girls lead as they all grow up together. Each adult brings something different to the lives of these three girls. Danny brings a strong sense of discipline to the girls. The girls listen to him because he is their father. Jesse and Joey bring humor, fun, and dedication. Both have 'unrealistic' jobs: Joey is a comedian and Jesse is a musician. Both men help the girls break the, and sometimes, even fudge the lines of Danny's discipline.

What isn't adorable about three grown men being ruled by three girls under the age of 11? You watch as Danny, Jesse, and Joey all come to the realization that there are things they can't do, don't want to do, or won't do because of their commitment to DJ, Stephanie, and Michelle.

Danny already knows this sacrifice; he's known it for ten years. Danny gets to watch Joey

and Jesse struggle to learn the sacrifice of being a parent. He even re-learns it himself. Jesse and Joey learn to be responsible, self-sacrificing father figures to Danny's girls. In the beginning they are the strong-willed, bachelors that just love Danny's kids, but they eventually break that seal and delve right into being the second and third fathers for the girls.

Although the series ended in 1995, it was and still is a fan favorite. There was recently a continuation of the TV series. *Fuller House* was produced as a Netflix original series and was released in February.

Jeff Franklin, in creating the continuation, used the same character, so that it feels as *Full House* did, but also added new characters to show how everyone's lives had changed.

It was released on February 26, 2016 with 13 episodes, as was ordered by Netflix. The show includes the main cast with a few exceptions. Michelle, played by Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen, is the only cast member from the original cast that decided to not participate in *Fuller House*. The writers wrote in a joke that pointedly made fun of the twins for not coming back to the show.

With virtually the same cast and early 90s sitcom feel, all in all *Fuller House* is definitely something to see.

Assassin's Creed Syndicate

By Jimmy Kile
Features Editor

Assassin's Creed is a series famed for its stories in historically accurate and notable periods of world history. The series has featured periods such as the Crusades, Renaissance Italy, the American Revolution, and the 18th century Caribbean. The latest major installment in the series, *Assassin's Creed Syndicate*, features Victorian era London.

The setup for the game is that the player is an agent doing genetic memory research for the Assassin Brotherhood to locate the Shroud of Eden. The Shroud is an ancient and powerful artifact that the Assassins' enemies, the Templars, want to use for nefarious purposes.

The player's research leads him or her to follow the story of twins Jacob and Evie Frye as they work with Henry Green, the assassin overseeing London, to locate the Shroud of Eden in that time period so the modern day assassins can acquire it before the Templars. However, the assassin trio must race against Crawford Starrick, a Templar with total control over London through political and industrial ties. He uses his street gang known as The Blighters to keep nosy citizens at bay and the people under his power in check.

What is interesting about *Assassin's Creed Syndicate* is that the player gets to play as both Jacob and Evie, each of which gets their own story arc that contributes to the overall story of the game.

Jacob's story revolves around hunting down and killing the



leaders of The Blighters in order to break Starrick's control over the citizens of London.

A side feature of the game that goes along with this is the ability to build a gang to fight The Blighters. The player can complete all the gang activity side missions in a sub section of the map in order to take over the territory and claim it for The Rooks, Jacob's gang used to counter The Blighters. Players can recruit gang members to aid them in missions or open world activities.

Evie's story centers around tracking down leads on the Shroud of Eden in order to locate it before Starrick does. This is done through a lot of stealth and infiltration missions in order to

Left: Cover art for the game *Assassin's Creed Syndicate*. Photo courtesy of Google images.

breach restricted areas and gain the information needed.

Both stories come together for the last mission in which the Fries must infiltrate a party at Buckingham Palace and fight Starrick in an annoying boss fight that requires a lot of dodging ever increasingly complex obstacles.

Overall, the game is amazing. The story is well told via two different character story arcs, and the villain of Crawford Starrick is meticulously crafted to be the perfect villain. If the main game is enjoyable but doesn't quite feel like enough, be sure to download the *Last of the Maharaja*, *The Dreadful Crimes*, and the *Jack the Ripper* expansions for more fun adventures as Jacob and Evie Frye.

This Thing Called Life

By Cameron Adams
Features Writer

Well. It's happened again, folks.

We have another great album that speaks about the journey, struggle and accomplishments of its artist. *This Thing Called Life* is Alsina's second studio album released on December 11, 2015 by Def Jam Recordings.

Making his way onto the music scene in 2012 with his first official mixtape *The Product*, August Alsina is an "R&B" recording artist who manages to perfectly mix storytelling, self expression and good music. He was born and raised in New Orleans until Hurricane Katrina, when he moved to Houston.

An aspect that makes this album great is the way that Alsina combines the uses of rapping to the melodious way of singing that made him attention-worthy in the first place. The lead single, "Hip Hop," is a prime example. In this song, Alsina effortlessly slips between his own rhythmic singing and his rapping that is definitely more melody-driven than usual. But that's just one example of his great blend of singing and rapping. "Dreamer" is another that seems to make the mixture as natural as lemons and sugar.

Perhaps the most enticing part of the album is the expert way that Alsina conveys his own life experiences. Alsina uses the album to convey his own past and the things that he has to do. Every song on the album manages to explore some of the major ques-



Left: August Alsina's album, This Thing Called Life

Photo courtesy of Google Images.

tions and experiences that we all have had to go through. In "Job," Alsina brings in Anthony Hamilton and Jadakiss to get up close and personal with the discussion of work ethic and doing what is necessary to make it. And Alsina is all about doing what must be done. The tone that he gives off continually is that he is especially proud of the work that he has put in to get all that he has. This is shown in "Why I Do It," featuring Lil' Wayne. This song seems to show the true motto of Alsina: when all else fails have faith and keep going.

Alsina uses the album to also express some of the feelings that aren't able to be expressed that easily. The song "Cry" is the song which takes the time to release some the hurt and pain that he felt after the death of his brother that he had to put to the side in order continue on his path.

All in all, this is a excellent album for anyone to listen to if they are in the mood for great R&B music.

By Thomas Day
Guest Writer

I had the distinct pleasure of watching Anything Goes, the most recent production of the Columbian Players, on its opening night. What I saw was a mix of humor, deep thought, social commentary... but mainly just humor. It was a seriously funny show, with an amazing pit, great acting, and stage design. Given the amalgamation of talent on the stage and off it, I didn't expect anything else, so my next few remarks are quibbles, and nothing more.

The musical itself posed more problems, in my mind, than any of the performers could do

about. While much of the writing was laugh out loud, a few of the scenes did not create the suspension of disbelief necessary to follow up with a musical number. Off the top of my head, the one that's comes to my mind was 'Heaven Hop,' a piece that (in my mind) seemed so out of place that it could have been removed with little or no loss to the play. The only other criticism that comes to mind was that, early on, the lyrics could not be heard over the orchestra; a problem that seemed to have been fixed.

The cast handled well some of the more, erm...dated material in regards to the Chinese characters, but in terms of good taste the only other thing that seemed



Right: Reno
played by Katie Davisson '16 and
Billy played by
Jake McCoy '17
Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland

Enclave

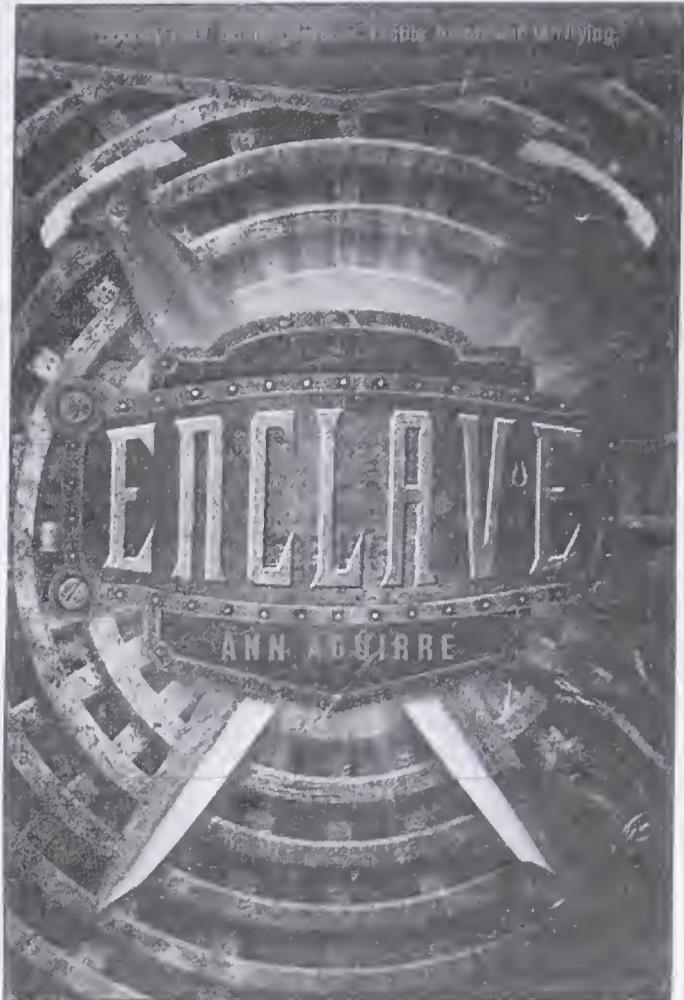
By Justice McGee

Features Writer

Are you a fiction fanatic? Enjoy reading books about zombies and vampires? So do I! Maybe not zombies and vampires, but I'm definitely big on science fiction. I'm going to introduce you to the world of Duece, a fifteen year old huntress who lives in an enclave underground. The book takes place in an apocalyptic future -- no flying cars or robots, just a world fighting to survive. The storyline is all about Duece, the main character. She lives in a small community that has three groups of people: hunters, builders and breeders. You are assigned a role in the community when you are young and from then on, that is the life you live. As a huntress, it is Duece's job to protect her people.

Therefore, she and her partner must travel the underground tunnels surrounding their home and fight the Freaks, monstrous creatures who have come about as a result of a disease that killed off most of the world years before. Duece is partnered up with Fade, a boy a little older than her, who had once lived "Topside". He's a bit of an outcast, but Duece becomes close to him. In the first book of the *Razorland* series, Duece and Fade face many problems when it comes to the safety of their enclave. Little did they know, it'll only get a lot more frightening when they are exiled and find themselves Topside.

I read this book when I was a senior in high school and I was hooked. Luckily the library had the entire *Razorland* series by Ann Aguirre. I read every one



Left: Cover art for Enclave by Ann Aguirre
Photo courtesy of Google Images

of them, and they only got better as I read along. If you like apocalyptic stories with action, chilling moments and romance, you should definitely check out *Enclave*.

Ann Aguirre certainly has a creative imagination. From the life of a fifteen year old girl born and raised underground, to her detailed day(s) long journey through the tunnels of an abandoned subway toward other enclaves, to fighting scaly, clawed beasts and her first steps above ground, it's nothing but interesting. And if that doesn't keep your attention, Duece and

Fade are something that should. They have a unique relationship, and down the line when you reach the second and third books, all of you romance fanatics will be going crazy, impatiently rooting them on. This book will leave you with all sorts of emotions. I will admit though, the first book is not as intriguing as the other two, but mark my words they only get better! I believe if you give this book a shot, you will not regret it! I know I didn't.

Anything Goes



Above: The cast sings a strong finish to the classic song "Anything Goes"
Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland

to step out of it was the faux (Pentecostal?) religious service. Though, again, a comedy, it's distract (or at least cynicism) for Christianity showed throughout the whole piece. I could have understood a joke here or there,

(in fact, the criminal/minister act was well done) but the whole apparatus was filled with it to the point that it almost got old.

Though a shout out could be given to any of the actors, the one I must give here is to Wesley, play-

ing (you guessed it!) Wesley. As a whole, this production stands as a solid cap to this year, and sets a high bar for any to follow.

The Comeback Crew



Rachel Bartz



Leeanna Knight



Hudson Featherstone

Just as a Parks and Recreation reference, I fell into the pit. Just like Leslie Knope! I really did. I was competing at the Little State meet last track season and fell into the water barrier during the 3rd lap of the steeple chase. My surgery was a hip arthroscopy which occurred January 25th, 2016 and recovery is three full months, so I was not able to compete during indoor season and I am also unable to compete in outdoor. However, I will be fresh to start competing in cross country meets this upcoming fall season of 2016. From this experience, I have learned to be patient. I have also learned to never take a run for granted; no matter how tough it may seem, always appreciate the ability to run. As far as advice goes for an athlete who has to undergo surgery, I would tell them that the surgery will help heal and fix your injury and you will be back stronger than ever by overcoming adversity.

I injured my knee while long jumping at an indoor meet and had to have surgery on March 9, 2016. I had to miss the first few outdoor meets but may be competing this weekend as my recovery time is about four weeks. From this experience I have learned to push hard in therapy because therapy is what matters the most in getting back to running. To any athlete who may have to undergo surgery: Therapy is very important in getting back to your sport, remember to focus on how far you have come not how far you have to go.

My surgery originated from a hip flexor injury. I started to compensate and it ended up causing more problems. There was a bone growth on the head of my femur that cut into my labrum and tore it. It also messed with the cartilage in my left hip joint. My surgery was on February 21st, 2016 and depending on how well the recovery process goes will determine how long I am out. As of right now, I am sitting at 3-5 months with the doctor saying that it will be closer to 5 months. This puts me training again around mid summer. I may not be 100% ready for season but I'm definitely going to try. From this experience I've learned that when you get injured, don't put it off. The faster you heal through therapy, the faster you can make it back onto the field. You will get down on yourself but keep a positive attitude and know that things will get better. Whenever I need a pick me up I look back on my favorite scripture. II Chronicles 15:7 - "But as for you, work hard and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded."

Puma Golf Rolling Into Spring Season



Pictured: Men's Golf Team
Photo Courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland

By Madyson Anthony
Sports Writer

The Saint Joseph's College men's golf team fought through some windy conditions to finish 24th at The Jewell on April 4th, 2016 at Elks Run Golf Course. The 36-hole event stands as the second strongest field of the spring season.

The Pumas played the

entire opening round in strong and cold winds, causing scores in the afternoon to get higher. Competition turned even more difficult as teams had to withstand 40MPH wind gusts throughout the day. Saint Joseph's College opened play with a 356, and Blake Hoover was predicted to have the team's best round going, but the final three holes turned a solid round into an 88.

Blake Windsor was unable to finish his opening round that day due to darkness, but with two pars to finish his opening round, he posted an 87. The following Monday brought less aggressive wind conditions as the Pumas posted a much improved round. Grant Doyle led the second round surge with a four-over par round of 75, coupled with an opening 89.

Doyle finished with a 36-hole total of 164, landing him in a tie for 85th place out of 125 players.

Windsor closed out the event with a final round 77 to also post a two-day total of 164. Hoover shook-off a slow start and birded his second to last hole to finish with a round of 79, posting a two-day total of 167.

Mitch Hockman posted rounds of 92 and 81 while Brad McLaughlin fired rounds of 94 and 83. Saint Joseph's College posted a final round 312, making up ground on eight teams and catching up to Ohio Valley. However, the first round did too much damage to climb any further up the leader board.

Tiffin University ended up winning the event with a two-day total of 597, five shots better than the University of Indianapolis.

The Pumas will travel to Noblesville, Indiana on Sunday, April 10th, 2016 to compete in the final Midwest Regional of the spring. The 36-hole event will be contested at Purgatory Golf Club and run through Monday.

Upcoming Events

April 15th

Men's and Women's Track & Field vs Little State in Marion, Ind.

Men's Tennis at University of Illinois Springfield

Women's Tennis at University of Illinois Springfield

April 16th

Men's and Women's Track & Field vs Little State in Marion, Ind.

Men's and Women's Tennis at University of Southern Indiana

Women's Golf vs University of Illinois Springfield Spring Invite in Piper Glenn G.C., Springfield, Ill.

Baseball at Lewis University (DH)
12:00pm & 3:00pm

Softball at University of Missouri - St. Louis (DH)
12:00pm & 2:00pm

April 17th

Women's Golf vs University of Illinois Springfield Spring Invite in Piper Glenn G.C., Springfield, Ill.

Men's Golf vs Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship in Panther Creek C.C. - Springfield, Ill.

Baseball at Lewis University (DH)
12:00 PM & 3:00 PM

Softball at Maryville University (DH)
12:00pm & 2:00pm

BB at Lewis University (DH)
3:00pm

April 18th

Men's vs Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship in Panther Creek C.C. - Springfield, Ill.

April 22nd

Women's Golf vs Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship in Annbriar G.C. - Waterloo, IL

Men's & Women's Tennis vs University of Indianapolis

April 23rd

Women's Golf vs Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship in Annbriar G.C. - Waterloo, IL

Men's & Women's Track & Field vs Bellarmine Classic in Louisville, KY
TBA

Men's & Women's Tennis vs McKendree University

Softball vs Quincy University (DH)
12:00pm & 2:00pm

Baseball vs McKendree University (DH)
12:00pm & 3:00pm

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Puma Softball

By Makayla Copeland

Sports Writer

This weekend the Lady Puma Softball team lost to the University of Saint Louis and to McKendree University.

The first game against UIS was a close 2-1 game but not with the outcome the Pumas hoped for. UIS came out on top with the first run of the game in the first inning. Nothing happened until the sixth inning when freshman Morgan Peoppel hit a two-out RBI single to right field to score junior Ashley Whitaker, making it 1-1 going into the seventh inning. In the bottom of the seventh inning, UIS took the first game scoring one more run off an RBI single to center field to make the final score 2-1 in UIS favor.

The second game started off with UIS scoring in the third inning making it 2-0 game. The Pumas could not find a way to score. UIS scored three more insurance runs in the fourth inning winning 5-0.

On Saturday the Pumas traveled to Lebanon, Illinois to face off against McKendree University.

The SJC Softball team came out in the first game getting a 4-0 lead. The game started off with a triple by junior Bri Wagner, later scored by senior Ká Davis to make it 1-0. At the start of the second inning, senior Haley Miller had an RBI single, allowing sophomore Jordan Schneider to score making it 2-0. Later in the inning Wagner had a

2 run RBI that scored freshman Zoee Anderson and Miller to make it a 4-0 game. McKendree did not let the four runs faze them, immediately responding back scoring a run to make it 4-1. With SJC up by three runs, it was not enough to ensure the win. McKendree made it 4-3 game in the third inning. In the fourth inning McKendree busted open the game scoring four runs making the game 8-4. McKendree got another unearned run to help their cause making it a 9-4 game. The Pumas took the last minute opportunity to try and come back but could not come up with more than one run. In the sixth inning, the Pumas scored Davis to make it a final score of 9-5.

The second game of the day was a short game consisting only of four innings. McKendree kept their momentum from the first game by coming out and scoring two runs in the first inning. In the fourth inning the Pumas cut the lead in half with Wagner hitting a home run to make it 2-1. After that McKendree scored two more in the fourth inning to make the game 4-1. McKendree then had a big sixth-inning, scoring four more runs on the Pumas to take the sweep and giving the Pumas a 10-1 loss.

Next weekend the Pumas will be at St. Louis to play University of Missouri on Saturday and University of Missouri Saint Louis on Sunday.



*Pictured: Kalene Davis
Photo Courtesy of Saint Joseph's Athletics*

Tennis Suffers Losses

By Megan Fernandez

Sports Writer

Fall ball, spring break tournaments, and hours of practice have prepared the Pumas for this, and so it begins... The women's and men's tennis teams traveled to Romeoville, Illinois on March 9th to face off against No.39 Lewis University for the team's first Great Lakes Valley conference matchup.

The lady Pumas fell to Flyers with a tough overall score of 9-0. The match began with the Pumas falling in the number one doubles match 8-0. The Pumas started to trail in points after losing the number two position while Toni Franco and Lauren Jakubczyk lost the number three match 8-1. Then, the Flyers dominated in singles play as Toni Franco fell in the number six match 6-0, 7-6. Clare Kost lost in the number one match to Dora Andrejczki 6-0, 6-0.

The Men's tennis team lost their GLVC conference opener with a score of 8-1. The Pumas fell in three contested doubles matches. Pumas, Reid Imel and Andrew Klump missed the win in their doubles with a score of 8-2. Freshman Moritz Gibbsy

and Valentin Meier fought strong for the team but couldn't pick up the win with the final score of 8-6, match at number two. Lewis made a doubles sweep after an 8-3 win at number three match. Meier won the Pumas' lone point in singles play, 6-1, 7-5 at the number five match. Gisy fell in a tough two-set match at the number four position 7-5, 7-5. Lucas Jessen dropped the number six match 6-1, 6-4.

The Men's and Women's tennis teams weren't done yet. The teams competed back to back over the weekend. Putting Friday's match behind them the Pumas looked to even their GLVC record. April 9th the teams competed against Bellarmine University at home.

The Men's tennis team looked for redemption in their second weekend match and got the 9-0 win, respectively. During the Pumas' shut-out, Reid Imel and Andrew Klump won the opening match 8-5. Valentin Meier and Moritz Gibbsy got the job done at the number two match, defeating Matthew Momper and Nathan Walroth 8-4. Lucas Jessen and Joseph Comerford won the number three match 8-6. The

Pumas were in a good spot for the win with a 3-0 lead. Imel won the number one match by default. Hungry for the win and with SJC being even closer to victory, Klump defeated Zach Kuo 6-2, 7-5 at the number two match while Samir Shamas won the deciding points 7-5, 6-4 over Momper. The rest of the matches were scored as pro-sets as the Pumas completed their first GLVC victory for this season.

The women's team lost their game against Bellarmine University with the score of 9-0. Bellarmine swept all three doubles matches and all six singles matches. There were a few tight matches, but the Knights didn't drop a set. The closest singles match was Mary Huffine against Marissa Kovach with a score of 8-5. Also a hard close match was doubles Vanessa Olson and Clare Kost against Marie Elaine Kuo 8-6. SJC will continue with GLVC play on Friday, April 15th in Springfield, Illinois. The match against the Prairie Stars will begin at 2:00 pm.



*Pictured: Clare Kost
Photo Courtesy of SJC Athletics*

Track and Field Success at Marion

By Brian Eurton

Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – The Saint Joseph's track and field teams competed at the 2016 Knights Invitational hosted by Marian University. Cold weather and strong winds were a challenge for the Pumas, but there were still many great performances.

Leading off the successful day for SJC was Alex Meier who won the 400-meter hurdles. Meier won the event with a time of 1:07.85, which was almost four seconds ahead of second place. Continuing the success for the women's team was Sydney Strang who placed 5th in the steeplechase with a time of 12:03.16, which was a ten-second personal best. Teammate Maddie Biddle was also in the race and improved her personal best by 21 seconds. Nikki Thiede had an amazing day, placing second in the 5,000-meter run and dipping under the 18-minute barrier for the first time. Thiede's time was 17:56.70, a mere three seconds behind first place.

Heather Monk led the women's team in the field events by placing 5th in the shot put with a launch of 40'7. 5". Lydia Raderstorf placed 7th in pole vault. Raderstorf cleared 10'11. 75", which was a personal

best by six inches. Allison Zimmerlie placed 8th in the high jump with a jump of 5' 1.75".

On the men's side of things Sanjay Daley placed 3rd in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.04. Justin Hays won his heat of the 1500-meter run by almost five seconds and placed 8th overall. Hays posted a time of 4:10.99 in his victory. Freshman Mike Conrad ran in his second steeplechase ever and improved his time by almost 20 seconds and placed 10th overall.

For the field events Tevin Riddle, CJ Eikum, and Anthony Bradley led the men's team. Riddle placed 3rd in the triple jump with a leap of 45' 4.25" and 8th in the high jump in 6' 2". Eikum placed 4th in the triple jump with a jump of 44' 5.25 and 6th in the high jump with a jump of 6' 4". Bradley placed 3rd in the hammer throw with a throw of 160' 11". That is a personal best throw for Bradley by almost three feet.

The men and women's track team will be back in action on April 15th and 16th in Marion, Indiana. The meet will be hosted by Indiana Wesleyan University. The meet is called Little State and is the longest continuous running track meet in the nation.

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Creative Corner

April 14, 2016

Mirror
Rachel Bartz

Mirror mirror
 Sometimes you help
 But sometimes you don't
 You have made me a perfectionist
 Learning and adapting to scrutinize myself
 Changing my flaws, not allowing me to accept
 Mirror mirror
 Sometimes I hate that you were invented
 All of those girls in the bathroom
 Staring for hours
 If you were vanished from existence
 Would anyone care how they looked?
 Mirror mirror
 Please go away.
 You have changed the perception of beauty
 And not in a good way

Can I?
By Johna Bottorff

Can I kiss you one last time?
 Just to remember how soft your lips are
 Can I touch your hair one last time just to
 remember how smooth it is
 Can I hug you one last time
 Just to remember how warm it is
 Can I look at you one last time
 Just to burn it in my brain
 I can't love you one last time



Oil Painting by Ashley Brinkman

This is your final opportunity to submit any work to be featured in the final issue of this semester (and final issue in which the Creative Corner will be edited by me, since I will be graduating this spring!) Please send submissions (poems, short stories, and/or artwork) to glv9696@saintjoe.edu.



Illustration by Wesley Hutson

I'm no Favorite
By Ashley Brinkman

"I'm the favorite" it starts.
 Everyone knew this fight
 Sitting at Christmas dinner
 My cousin begins the cycle,
 "No, I'm the favorite"
 "Grandpa loves me most"
 "I'm Grandpa's favorite"
 They all shout and shout
 But I stay out of it.
 I know I'm not Grandpa's favorite
 Because I was Grandma's favorite.

Sitting in the basement
 On hot summer days
 When the sun was just too bright.
 Heads bent,
 Small stitches,
 Shaky hands,
 HGTV on in the background.

Grandma and I talking all afternoon,
 Munching on animal crackers.

But Grandma is gone now.
 I see no point in arguing
 When I know I won't measure up.
 I don't call, I don't visit.
 I munch animal crackers.